

The FCC's responsibility is to ensure that mass media in the United States serve democracy. In order to serve democracy, the mass media must allow for diverse ownership across mass media outlets and diverse voices within each media outlet. The proposed rule change to allow for the ownership of both a television station and a newspaper in the same media market and the proposed rule change to drop the 35% total population reach law violate the requirement of diverse ownership and diversity of voices in our mass mediated, public environment

The FCC's job is not to serve the economic interests of those who seek to own multiple media outlets in the same media market. Economic considerations are tertiary to the primary concern of preserving diverse voices--diverse owners of the media and diverse voices in the media.

I urge you to do what is right and healthy for our democracy, and not what is urged by corporations seeking increased profits. Do not drop the 35% rule and the prohibition of owning both a newspaper and a television station in the same media market.